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This communication responds to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121: Invention I, relating to claims 1-9 and 28-31, drawn to a method of removing coatings; and Invention II, relating to claims 10-27 and 32, drawn to an apparatus.

Applicants hereby elect Invention II, relating to claims 10-27 and 32. Accordingly, Applicants cancel claims 1-9 and 28-31.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required to Deposit Account No. 061910.